

A CASE OF SNUB

President Cleveland Scores Another Failure.

IT WAS SAMOA THIS TIME

Williams Working for Cuban Freedom.

Politics in New York State—Probabilities of Extra Session.

NEW YORK, November 8.—The Tribune Washington special says: The Administration has again ventured in the treacherous sea of diplomacy and met with disaster. As in former cases, notably that of Hawaii, it endeavored to bring about a radical change in the country's foreign obligations. This time the effort was directed toward Samoan affairs. The President sought through the State Department relief from the rights and duties imposed upon the country under the Berlin treaty. His intention was to give up the many advantages that accrue to the United States in pursuance of the terms of that act in return for relief from the numerous responsibilities and consequent petty expenses and annoyances that devolve upon the country as a result of such benefits.

Stated in a word, the President, speaking through Secretary Olney, has proposed to Germany that the Berlin treaty be abrogated on the ground that the provisions of the agreement imposed conditions unsatisfactory to the United States. Germany's reply to the proposal has been received at the State Department. To the consternation of the authorities it merely acknowledged the receipt of Secretary Olney's note.

The story of this, the latest Administrative blunder—for such it will be regarded by every one who is familiar with the Samoan situation—is interesting. President Cleveland has, as is well known, persistently endeavored to free his administration from the obligations of the Berlin treaty. His efforts in this direction may be said to have begun in 1888. In his message to Congress in December of that year he announced that King Malietoa offered to place Samoa under the protection of the United States, that the American Consul assumed to grant it, but that the proceedings were disavowed under instructions from Washington and the offending Consul recalled.

It was not until recently that the President decided to take the matter in his own hands and endeavor to secure release for the Government from the tripartite agreement. He will, of course, be criticised for his course by Congress. It is said by the apologists that he regarded the situation as calling for immediate action. The Senate will undoubtedly say no to this.

Germany's reply must have been highly mortifying to the Administration. Mr. Olney's note was under consideration at the Berlin Foreign Office for more than a week. The answer was exceedingly brief. It was merely an acknowledgment of receipt of the note of the distinguished Secretary of State of the United States. It did not say yes or no about the proposition to abrogate the treaty of Berlin. It only said that a suggestion to this effect had been received. There the subject was dropped, and from the date of the reply to the present time no word of apology explanation or hope has been received by the State Department from Berlin.

EXTRA SESSION SURF.
Will Take up Silver Coinage Then Talk Tariff

WASHINGTON, (D. C.), Nov. 8.—It may be accepted that an extra session of the Fifty-fifth Congress will be assembled as soon as possible after Mr. McKinley enters the White House. The first thing to be taken up at this special session will be a preliminary adjustment of the financial question and in the adjustment silver will be made use of. The probable plan will be to start with the gradual retirement of the greenbacks. These greenbacks, it is thought, may be redeemed in gold, without the issuance of bonds, the retirement being gradual. It is not contemplated that at this time, there will be any expansion of the bank note currency, but as far as it can be accomplished with safety, instead of the release of greenbacks, after redemption they will be replaced by the issuance of silver obtained by a limited purchase.

The extent to which this purchase of silver is gone into will depend upon the prospects at the time of international bimetalism. This temporary expedient will probably be coupled with a provision for a monetary commission of a permanent character that will be authorized to work toward the end of an international agreement until something is accomplished. The commissions heretofore have been appointed to attend some particular conference, and their efforts have ended with the failure of that conference. This, in a general way, outlines the plan that is expected to be followed.

The tariff question is to be taken up next in order. It is not intended, as many think probable, that there will be any effort made to patch up the Wilson-Gorman bill. The purpose will be to make an entirely new tariff bill, drawn on strictly protection lines. This bill will be drawn with the deliberation necessary to the production of a

scientific measure. The hope will be entertained that pending the adoption of this measure such progress will be made in negotiations as to insure an international agreement on the coinage question, and this may influence the action of the tariff in some particulars.

PLATT FOR SENATOR.

Deft of Politics in Empire State, Reid's Aspirations.

NEW YORK, Nov. 8.—A general conference of the Republican State leaders was held tonight at the Fifth-avenue Hotel. The question of a United States Senator, a success Hill was discussed. The majority opinion was to the effect that ex-Senator Platt should accept the place. Three reasons were given, the first being that Platt's election would be greeted with harmony all along the line; the second was that he should be in Washington during the forthcoming McKinley administration as the representative of New York Republicans, and the third reason was that this election would be a vindication of the leadership in the State. All expressed the greatest desire to honor Cornelius N. Bliss. Mr. Bliss has been diffident about taking the Treasury portfolio, although his friends believe him to be, because of his practical knowledge of finance, eminently fit to be Secretary of the Treasury. It may turn out, however, that if Mr. McKinley gives New York a place in the Cabinet Bliss will be made either Secretary of the Navy or Postmaster-General.

It is believed that Whitelaw Reid is an aspirant for Secretary of State, and that he has believed all along that he is to have the place. It was said very plainly tonight that the State organization would oppose Reid, believing him already sufficiently honored.

TO SECURE PEACE.

Former Cuban Consul Said to Have Important Mission.

NEW YORK, Nov. 8.—The Morning Advertiser will say tomorrow: It was reported in this city yesterday that the ex-Congressman to Havana, Ramon O. Williams, might be expected here from Europe in about ten days. Although the fact of Mr. Williams' presence in Spain escaped the vigilance of the newspaper correspondents in the Spanish capital, it is nevertheless true that he has been in Madrid for three weeks past, and in the immediate circle of his family it was announced that he was to leave for New York on Saturday last.

While the fact cannot, for obvious reasons, be definitely learned, it was generally believed by his personal friends that Mr. Williams' visit to Spain has been made as an agent for the United States with the view of making some arrangement by which a peaceable solution of the Cuban question might be brought about.

It was even stated that Mr. Williams was authorized to favor negotiations by which the purchase of the island by the United States might be arranged, on the understanding that the United States would guarantee the payments to the mother country. It will be recalled that this was substantially the basis of the arrangement proposed by General Grant at the time of Spain's last war with her colony.

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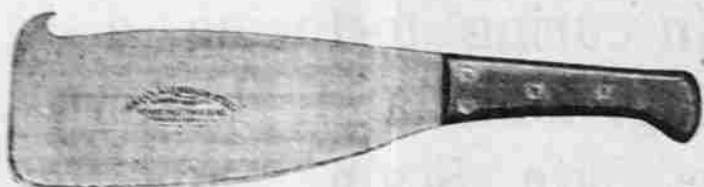
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